Use of Fertiliser

862. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to states

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "distribution system fails, fertilizer use falls" appeared in the English Dairy Kashmir Times dated 25th June, 1992;

(b) what are the reasons for the fall in use of fertilizers despite increase in the area under cultivation; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) and (c) The figures quoted in the Press report with regard to total fertilizer consumption and consumption per hectare are at variance with the official figures. A statement indication total fertilizer sonsumption in the State and estimated consumption per hectare for the last 6 years in enclosed. (*See* below Fertilizer consumption has generally shown an increasing trend. Some variation in the consumption pattern from year to year may arise from weather and rainfall conditions.

Statement

Year-wise Fertiliser consumption in the State of Jammu & Kashmir

Year	Total Consumption (NPK) in Tonnes	Consumption NPK Kgs./hectare
1986-87	30327	29 60
1987-88	39013	37.08
1988-89	53516	51.81
1989-90	47512	45.99
1990-91	42598	41.24
1991-92 (Estimated)	54676	52.93

Jakfed credit worthiness

863. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JAKFED suffers a loss of Rs. 2 crores per annum;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that JAKFED is in arrears to the tune of Rs. 14 crores to Fertilizer Companies;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the subsidy has been discontinued; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) JAKFED has suffered a tentative loss of Rs. 136.79 lakhs during the year 1990-91.

(b) The loss is mainly on account of trading of fertiliser due to increase in the freight rate and interest component.

(c) Yes, Sir.